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Title: SPUTTERING CHAMBER AS WELL AS VACUUM TRANSPORT CHAMBER

AND VACUUM TREATMENT SYSTEMS HAVING SUCH CHAMBERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Amendments

June 30, 2000

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Attached is a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the original specification.

ABSTRACT

Please enter the Abstract submitted herewith on a separate page for the original Abstract presently in the application.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #622/48561).

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